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1. On 2 December 1953 Beisner, (fmu), 13 Sharia Ibrahim Baguib, Cairo, offered 1,000 tons of East German cement at \$10.70 per metric ton fob Hamburg to Graziona (fmu), an agent who resides at the St. Georges Hotel in Beirut.
2. On 30 December 1953 Karpels Schenker Company, London, forwarding shipping agents, offered newsprint of East German origin, in reels, at £45.4.0 per long ton fob Hamburg, including a 2 1/2 percent commission, to Tamer Freres, rue Georges Picot, Beirut.
3. On 5 January 1954 Ali Yusuf, Beirut, informed Weir & Company, Beirut, of a firm offer of English sugar (polarization 99.9 percent) from East Germany at £33 per ton cif.
4. On 17 February 1954 Eastrott, London, advised the Contracting & Trading Company, Beirut, that East Germany was going to barter cement to the value of £200,000 against foodstuffs from the British Ministry of Food. Great Britain was prepared to re-export the cement, and Eastrott invited the Contracting & Trading Company to submit a bid for 50,000 tons of East German Portland cement at £6.13.0 per ton cif Kuwait.

1. Washington Comment. Not further identified by Source.

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